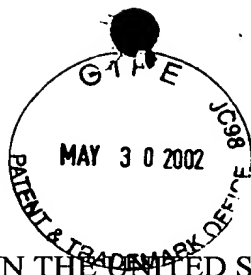


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :

Yoshirou KUROMITSU et al. :

GAU: 2879

SERIAL NO: 09/240,858 :

EXAMINER: Michael Henry DAY

CPA FILED: HERewith :

FOR: METHOD OF FORMING CERAMIC
CAPILLARY RIB, CERAMIC PASTE
USED THEREFOR, AND APPARATUS
FOR FORMING SAME

PRELIMINARY REMARKS

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please note the following remarks:

REMARKS

This continuation application is being filed in view of the fact that applicant's attorney have not yet received instructions from applicants as to how to respond to the restriction requirement received in parent application serial no. 09/240,858. A reminder notice has been forwarded to applicants regarding this matter and therefore the Examiner is respectfully requested to defer acting on this application until a restriction response has been

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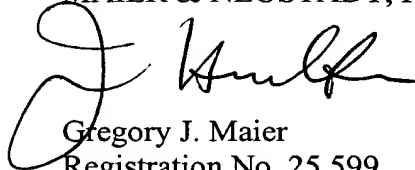
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filed in the present application. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this matter, the Examiner is invited to call applicants' attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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